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Russia is generously sending its Baltic
fleet out where the Japs can conveniently
get it.

To show how much it appreciates
Korea's hospitality, Japan will make it
self thoroughly at home.

The Irish feel that the Russian side
must be all right, England being so
strongly in favor of the Japanese.

The Supreme Court can find nothing
in its copy of the Constitution that gives
the District court the right to overrule
it.

The Russians can point out that they
have now made blunders enough to dis-
prove the charge that they are not hu-
man.

The Japanese blew up two more Rus-
sian ships at Port Arthur Sunday night,
and it was not a good night for tor-
pedoes, either.

Men were at work yesterday cleaning
the pavements, someone in the street
department having been keen enough to
discover that the streets were dirty.

The indications now are that there
will be a plentiful supply of water next
season and that the Democratic city
administration will take credit for it.

Feeling that they have no need for
any more burdens just at present, the
Russian peasants beg to be excused
from becoming enthusiastic over the war.

Mr. Bryan makes a liberal offer of
\$100 for a platform on which his Demo-
cratic opponents can agree, feeling sure
that he will not have to spare the money.

Perhaps Mr. Condie may not care to
keep the office of superintendent of
streets, if an unreasonable public in-
sists that he do something to the
streets.

The subject having been brought up
by the Mayor, it is now felt that the
ordinance against the smoke nuisance
will be enforced just as soon as it can
enforce itself.

The storm of Tuesday evening added a
fine deposit of snow to the already
pretty abundant supply, and it looks
now as if there ought not to be any
reason next season for any cry of
scarcity of water, if people are not un-
reasonably exacting and wasteful.

The opening by the Korean Govern-
ment of the port of Wiju to the com-
merce of the world is an unmistakable
evidence of the preponderance of
Japanese influence at Seoul. It is a case
where a pagan nation acts more like
the Christian and enlightened part than
does a so-called Christian nation, for
Russia has strongly opposed this open-
ing. Wiju is a great natural port, and
its opening will certainly be a vast ad-
vantage to the world's commerce.

The first shipment of stuff belonging
to the Twelfth Infantry was made yes-
terday, preparatory to the departure
of the regiment for the Philippines. It
has been an admirable lot of officers
and men, so far as they came in con-
tact with the people of this city, who
wish them every good fortune. Their
popularity, as well as that of the hosts,
was well demonstrated in the great re-
ception tendered to Col. Bubb and his
officers on Tuesday evening by Colonel
and Mrs. Holmes.

It would probably be unjust to Count
Cassini to withdraw him as Minister to
this country for the reason stated in
the dispatches, that he failed to keep
the Russian Government properly in-
formed of the state of feeling in the
United States, with respect to the
Russo-Japanese troubles. It is no doubt
true in his case as it was in the corre-
spondence with Japan, that Russia
would have refused to seriously con-
sider any representations not in line
with her own inclinations and beliefs.

Russia agents in principle to Secre-
tary Hay's note, and will try her ut-
most to get advantage out of the
exception of Manchuria from the
"administrative entity" of China. But
as that exception is made necessary by
Russia's deceit and unconscionable ag-
gression, it is not likely that she will
be permitted to take advantage of her
own wrong in the final settlement. In
the meanwhile, it is pleasant to know,

amid so much growling of the Bear,
and his snarling at the United States,
withdrawing from his proposed taking
part in the St. Louis exposition, and
so on, that there is something from the
United States to which he finds him-
self able to agree.

THE TRIBUTES TO SENATOR HANNA.

The official funeral ceremonies over
the remains of Senator Hanna, and the
heart-felt expressions of sorrow at his
death, bear high testimony to the worth
of the man. His enemies have just be-
gun to learn their shameful mistake in
assailing him with the abuse which
they heaped upon him, and are
realizing what a loss the whole coun-
try sustains in his death.

The services yesterday were a noble
tribute to the dead. He was given full
and unreserved credit for his great
qualities, and the loss which the Nation
has sustained in the demise of a man
of such character and force, in the very
prime and vigor of his manhood, was
fittingly set forth.

Too late has the country learned the
true measure of the man. In every
word of life where he trod he was con-
spicuous for good, energetic on the side
of right and for the elevation of hu-
manity. The people have reason to la-
ment his loss, for he was their best
friend; he had at heart the interests of
the common people as no other public
man has had in the world since the
time of Lincoln.

The finest tribute to him in this
phase of his work comes from Oscar S.
Strauss, who is a Democrat of exceed-
ingly high standing and who knew well
of Mr. Hanna's work with him in the
National Civic Federation, whose
self-imposed task it is to harmonize
differences between capital and labor.

Mr. Strauss says of him in this
connection that Senator Hanna had
thrown himself with earnestness in-
to the great labor problem, and
with the great hope of bringing labor
and capital into closer and more
harmonious relationship; and that he
would rather have the credit of bring-
ing this about than be President of the
United States. In support of this he
quotes Mr. Hanna as saying that he
would willingly resign his Senatorship
if that would help this cause, and also
a recent expression of Mr. Hanna's in
a magazine article, in which he wrote:
"I am firmly convinced that it is the
object to which I desire to devote the
remaining years of my life."

Alas, that those years should be so
few! Alas, that there is no one to take
his place in this great work and push
it forward with the effectiveness that
he was able to do!

From all over the land come the ex-
pressions of sympathy and grief. These
come alike from high and low sta-
tion, and show the closeness and extent
of the ties which connected the great
Senator with his fellow-citizens. It is
an upheaval of sorrow that bespeaks
a general sense of the great loss which
the country has sustained, and is as
heartfelt and sincere as was his own
friendships and affections. Such testi-
monials are creditable to those who
tender them, and most honorable to the
man in whose behalf they are spoken.

THE COUNTY FINANCES.

The annual report of Treasurer
Carbis of Salt Lake county makes an
excellent showing. It makes a com-
plete exhibit not only of the money
received and expended during the year,
but of the total assets and liabilities of
the county, in first-class form.

The county building and grounds are
estimated to be worth half a million
dollars, a reasonable estimate enough;
county jail and grounds, \$50,000, not so
obviously reasonable; county infirmary,
\$14,000, little enough; furniture and
fixtures, \$30,000, plenty.

The liabilities comprise bonds due in
1915, \$350,000; bonds due in 1917, \$120,000;
county school fund (immediately pay-
able to the school authorities), \$54,
472.71. The bonds can no doubt be met
by providing a reasonable sinking fund.

The assets over the liabilities amount
to the sum of \$212,064.29, which is a sub-
stantial item; such a balance leaves the
county in excellent financial shape.

The operations of the year are con-
cisely stated as \$298,583.95 "earnings,"
and \$248,427.95 "expenses," leaving "net
earnings" of \$50,156. Certainly a very
satisfactory year's work.

The total receipts of the Treasurer's
office were \$579,085.36; the disbursements
were \$437,213.17, leaving a balance on
hand on December 31, 1903, of \$141,872.19.
The report from County Auditor
Fisher, also embodied in the pamphlet
which carries the Treasurer's report
proper, gives the total valuation of the
county in 1903 at \$46,789,687, on which
there was levied total taxation amount-
ing to \$1,387,066.11.

The whole pamphlet is excellent
work; it is a document that ought to be
in the hands of every taxpayer.

Radium is now said to be a medium
by which ordinary fresh water can be
made into various forms of mineral
waters, better than the natural prod-
uct. The hint is enough. We may
now expect radium water to be on the
market in as many different forms as
the proprietors can put it up, whether
it has ever been near to radium or not.

Hon. Charles A. Towne has at last
discovered that there is no longer a
silver question. He is a little late
about it, but better late than never.
It might be an open question, however,
whether he was not converted to the
opinion by oil, and in becoming a
"bloated capitalist." It is lots easier for
a man to discover that there's plenty of
money in the world when he has a big
pile of it himself than when he is short.

Mr. Towne agrees that the abundance
of gold does away with the need of free
silver coinage; a position in which
Bryan does not concur. But plenty of
oil spells plenty of gold to the man who
owns it.

IT WAS EXCELLENT WORK.

The report of Mr. F. S. Richards on
the way the general reclamation propo-
sitions were received in Washington is
equally enthusiastic with that of Mr.
Doremus. The plan was approved by
Mr. Newell, and sent forward with his
recommendation; and besides, he was
complimentary to the Utah delegation
for the thoroughness, practicability,
and comprehensiveness of their propo-
sition and plans.

The whole of the vast northern
portion of the State was well covered
by the plan as presented, and it con-
templated the utilization of all the
water in Bear river, the Utah Lake
and the Jordan, and in the diversion
of the Strawberry creek to this water
system instead of allowing it to flow
in its natural bed to the Green river.

The meaning of the approval of the
plan by the Government is well point-
ed out by Mr. Richards. The Govern-
ment will make the investigations and
surveys for all these projects; it will
determine the feasibility of all, and
whether the water saved or gained in
any case will justify the expense of
saving or gaining it. The getting of
this information will cost much money,
and when the Government does it, the
State is saved the expenditure.

Mr. Richards, in view of the favor
with which the Government received
Utah's advances, and its willingness to
undertake the preliminary work, urges
the people to come forward unitedly
and ask the authorities to take up and
press the matter to a determination,
to see what can be done and whether it
is worth while doing it.

The advice is good; no work of half
the importance to the whole State is
now before the public, and the land-
owners ought to be on fire with zeal to
see the project pushed, and the plans
made facts. When they are, the State
will be enormously benefited, and the
farming interests especially will be
gainers more than any others.

THE DIFFERENCE IN TIME.

Undoubtedly a good deal of the con-
fusion that exists as to the dates of
the fights between the Russians and the
Japanese arises from the difference
in time—in longitude—between the part
of the world where the war operations
are conducted, and our own location.

Port Arthur is in longitude 121 de-
grees east of Greenwich; that is eight
hours and four minutes—say eight
hours even—east of Greenwich. When
it is noon at Port Arthur on Tuesday,
say, it is 4 o'clock in the morning of
the same day in London.

We in Salt Lake are running on Den-
ver time, which is 105 degrees (that is
seven hours) later than London time.
Therefore, when it is noon of Tuesday
at Port Arthur and 4 a. m. in London,
also on Tuesday, it is 9 o'clock Monday
night here.

That is, Port Arthur is 225 degrees
of longitude east of Denver; and as we
are running on Denver time, Port Ar-
thur is fifteen hours ahead of us in
time. Each fifteen degrees of longi-
tude is an hour; one degree is four
minutes.

As the news is batted about from
place to place, the dates change, and
there is constant confusion. Some of
the correspondents make allowance for
the difference in longitude and time,
and some do not. The result is an
added source of uncertainty to that
which is inevitable from the efforts of
both Russians and Japanese to sup-
press all the news. The real facts and
dates can hardly be expected to be
known till after the war is closed and
the history of it written.

In the meantime, a few things are
reasonably clear. The Japanese are
vigilant and effective at sea, and have
crippled the Russian naval forces in
that region. We hear nothing of Rus-
sian aggression at sea, but the Japa-
nese have things practically their own
way there.

The Russians expected from the first,
however, to be the masters in land
fighting. But if the Japanese mass
their fighting force, they are liable to
overwhelm the Czar's troops, as the
Germans did the French in 1870-1.

Things move more slowly on the land,
and it is liable to be some time before
anything decisive will be done in the
way of battles. Japan, from the ac-
counts this morning, appears to be just
embarking her main land force, for
transportation to the scene of opera-
tions.

This means two things: first, that
the sea is practically free of Russian
war vessels; and second, that no great
battle is likely for the present. The
precise destination of the Japanese
forces is of course unknown. But the
effort will no doubt be made to land
them where they can be most effec-
tively used, in the shortest possible
time. That is, they will endeavor to
capture the Russian force on the Yalu
river.

Sixteen thousand Albanians are said
to be in revolt in European Turkey,
and to be besieging a Turkish detach-
ment. This is explained as a protest of
the fierce Albanians against the con-
cessions of reform made by the Sultan
to the Macedonians. A very convenient
excuse for the Sultan, and no doubt
timed so as to cause the greatest possi-
ble trouble to Russia in her conflict
with Japan, the hope no doubt being
that the Czar will be so fully occupied
with the Japanese that he cannot at-
tend to the Turks.

THAT'S ALL.

From the Pittsburgh Gazette.
"Please state to the court exactly
what you did between 8 and 9 o'clock on
Wednesday morning," said a lawyer
to a delicate looking little woman on
the witness stand.
"Well," she said, after a moment's
reflection, "I washed my two children
and got them ready for school and
sewed a button on Johnny's coat and
mended a rent in Nellie's dress. Then
I tidied up my sitting-room and wa-
tered my house plants and glanced over
the morning paper. Then I dusted my
parlor and set things to rights in it,
and washed my lamp chimneys and
combed my baby's hair and sewed a
button on one of her little shoes, and
then I swept out the front entry, and
brushed and put away the children's
Sunday clothes, and wrote a note to
Johnny's teacher, asking her to excuse
him for not being at school on Friday.
Then I fed my canary bird and gave
the groceryman an order, and swept off
the back porch, and then I sat down
and rested a few minutes before the
clock struck 9. That's all."

ALL STEEL CARS.

From the Chicago Tribune.
The experiment which the Interbor-
ough Rapid Transit company of New
York is preparing to make by the use
of all steel cars in the underground
railway system will be watched with
great interest, for, if successful, it will
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Niagara Fire of New York. 1859. 3,608,184.90
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